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Meeting Minutes

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Present:

Robert "Bob" Jones, Supervisor
Elwyn Gordon, Councilman
John "Skip" Hecker, Councilman
Girard Kelly, Councilman
Don Case, Councilman

Recording Secretary:

Sharon Presutti, Town Clerk

Absent:

None

Others Present:

David Haggstrom, Bob Budinger, Guy Starck, Don Ash

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Hearing on 2022 Budget

Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Town Supervisor Robert Jones. Robert Jones announced that this meeting was noticed correctly, he read the notice that was in the paper. Robert Jones distributed the Town of Angelica proposed budget for 2022. Robert Jones went through the proposed budget noting the changes from the 2021 budget. Robert Jones asked if anyone had any questions, there were none. Robert Jones distributed the Town of Angelica tax history showing from 2016 to present. Robert Jones explained this handout. This proposed budget shows a decrease for Town wide from 3.01 per thousand to 3.00 per thousand, a decrease for Town outside from 1.76 per thousand to 1.72 per thousand. Town outside pays both for a total of 4.72 per thousand which is a decrease from 4.77 per thousand. Robert Jones asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

Girard Kelly thanked the Board for proposing a decrease in taxes with this budget and for being able to get a new playground and do some work in the cemetery, he feels this is a great budget for the people.

With there being no questions, this Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20.

Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2021: A Local Law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Town of Angelica.

Called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Town Supervisor Robert Jones. Robert Jones announced that this meeting was noticed correctly, he read the notice that was in the paper. Robert Jones read the purpose of the law. He asked if there were any questions or comments on this. To opt out this needs to be done by December 31, 2021. Robert Jones also noted that this Local Law is subject to permissive referendum and is open for protest for 45 days, this law can't be filed with the state until after those 45 days. David Haggstrom asked if this was for the Town outside only, Robert Jones responded that he believes the Village has to do their own. Girard Kelly said he is ok with this because the State doesn't really have this all set yet and we can opt back in if we want to,

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Robert Jones feels that right now it is the safest thing to do. With there being no further questions or comments Robert Jones adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:28.

Opening Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Angelica Town Board was called to order at 7:29 pm on November 8, 2021 in Angelica, NY at the Grange Meeting Room at 55 Park Circle by Robert Jones.

2022 Budget: Girard Kelly motioned to accept the 2022 Town of Angelica budget as it was presented tonight; seconded by Skip Hecker.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Local Law #2 of 2021: Robert Jones asked for a motion on the Resolution to approve Local Law #2 of 2021. Skip Hecker motioned to approve Local Law #2 of 2021; seconded by Elwyn Gordon.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Sharon Presutti distributed minutes from the October 11, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting and Regular Town Board Meeting and the October 25, 2021 Budget Workshop and Meeting. Elwyn Gordon motioned to approve these minutes; seconded by Girard Kelly.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Girard Kelly asked Robert Jones about the Voucher requesting payment to M.A.C.E. Robert Jones explained that that is what we agreed to do to get the Work Permits for the Solar Company so they could begin work. The Solar company paid the Town of Angelica \$25,000, this payment to M.A.C.E. will come out of that money.

Approval of abstracts: Girard Kelly motioned to approve the General abstract for \$5826.02; seconded by Donald Case.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

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Elwyn Gordon motioned to approve the Highway abstract for \$17383.53; seconded by Skip Hecker.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Budget sheets and Supervisor's reports: Robert Jones distributed and read the Budget sheets and Supervisor reports for October 2021. There was not a report on Fire Protection Account – there was no change. There were no questions. Girard Kelly motioned to accept these reports; seconded by Skip Hecker.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Financial reports:

Robert Jones distributed the Class accounts report for October 2021, showing the balances in all accounts.

Town Business Review:

Sharon Presutti distributed the **Town Clerk's Monthly Report for October 2021:**

DEC Decals	\$30.89
Certified Copies	\$10.00
Burials	\$350.00
Memorial Bases	\$0.00
Dog Licenses	\$98.00
ATV Registrations	\$0.00
Landfill	\$2.00
Marriage	\$17.50

Robert Jones distributed the **September 2021 Town Justice Report** with revenue of \$28912.00. Robert Jones added that the Town also received \$5625.00 for 75 citations that were diverted. Girard Kelly asked if we get to keep the entire Traffic Diversion income, Robert Jones replied yes. Robert Jones also added that we get about 14% of the Justice revenue.

Dog Control: Rick Abbott, dog control officer, called Robert Jones and reported that he only had one call regarding a loose dog. Robert Jones distributed the NYS Ag and Mkts Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from 10/12/2021, adding that we received a "satisfactory" rating.

Assessor/Real Property: Robert Jones distributed and read the memo received from Allegany County Real Property regarding tax exemption for persons over 65 years of age with limited incomes. Bob added that last year we left it the same. Girard Kelly made a motion to leave it the same for this year, \$12,000 partial exemption; seconded by Elywn Gordon.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye

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Girard Kelly Aye

Donald Case Nay

Donald Case feels this needs to be looked at, maybe a separate scale of our own considering the money we receive from Hyland and our low tax rate, maybe give the poorer people more of a break, he feels we should maybe go higher with the exemption amount. We can look at it down the road.

Code Enforcement: No report given.

Highway: Robert Jones reported that we received the insurance payment for the damage to the Highway building in the amount of \$17094.00. He has talked to Adam Cyr and Adam is working on getting a crew over here to get that done, they will try to match the steel on the roof as close as they can.

Jeremy Morton also turned in a report noting what the Highway crew has been doing.

Hyland: Robert Jones distributed the Host Community Benefit Reconciliation letter, the check has been deposited for \$275678.65 representing 49199.56 tons @ \$2.20 per ton and 74417.61 tons @ \$2.25. The DEC monitoring report for October has not been received yet. Bob also distributed the Hyland Revenues for fiscal year 2021 per quarter and by fund showing that to date we have received \$784081.71.

Miscellaneous:

Copier for Clerk's Office: Robert Jones reported that the copier has been acting up, he had ACME come here and look at it, they said that there is no fix to it because they can longer get the parts for that machine. Bob distributed two sales quotes – one for a reconditioned machine for \$3340.00 and one for a new machine for \$4822.14, these quotes also had leasing options on them. There was some discussion regarding this. Girard Kelly motioned to order a new one, we don't want to mess with problems occurring from a reconditioned one; seconded by Elwyn Gordon.

Elwyn Gordon Aye

Skip Hecker Aye

Robert Jones Aye

Girard Kelly Aye

Donald Case Aye

Cemetery Trees: Robert Jones reported that Aaron McGraw took a picture of his quote and emailed it to him; he can't get it to print out; total removal for the 2 White Pines: Biggest one is \$4500.00, smaller one is \$2500.00 totaling \$7000.00 for both. He added that if the highway guys chip the brush, take away the big stuff the price goes to \$2500.00 for big one, \$1300.00 for smaller one total \$3800.00. There was some discussion on this. Elwyn Gordon motioned to get them down with total clean up; seconded by Girard Kelly.

Elwyn Gordon Aye

Skip Hecker Aye

Robert Jones Aye

Girard Kelly Aye

Donald Case Aye

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Grange Use: Robert Jones has a request for Grange use for a 1st birthday party on 12/4/21, about 30 people. Girard Kelly motioned to approve; seconded by Skip Hecker.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Skip Hecker: Grange Grant – Skip asked Robert Jones if he resubmitted the grant application or did he find out what could be done with it. Bob replied and said that he was asked if we wanted to resubmit it, he responded that we did so it has been resubmitted.

Skip Hecker reported that there are grants available, \$45 million dollars worth of grants, to repair Veteran's stones in the cemeteries, he wondered if we would be interested in looking into this. The Board responded that yes, they are interested. Skip will look into this after the first of the year.

Guy Starck: Guy asked what kind of damage was done to the highway department for \$17000.00. Robert Jones explained what happened, Guy asked if the driver was reprimanded. Bob explained that it was an accident, the driver knows what he did and he feels bad about it, no one was hurt, it was not deliberate. Guy then asked about the equipment damage, where that would be repaired, Bob responded that we had a cylinder and that it has all been done.

Ag District: Robert Jones distributed a Notice of Eight Year review of Allegany County District Number Two created with the Towns of Allen, Amity, Andover, Angelica, Belfast, Birdsall, Clarksville, Cuba, Friendship, Scio, Ward, West Almond, Wellsville and Wirt, this was received from Scott Torrey, Ex. Dir, Allegany County Soil & Water.

Executive Session: Robert Jones motioned to go in to Executive Session at 8:08 P.M. to discuss current litigation.

Robert Jones motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:12 P.M. and return to Regular Board Meeting.

With there being no further comments or questions Robert Jones entertained a motion to adjourn; seconded by Skip Hecker at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A Presutti
Town Clerk